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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 01-309

Dear Ms. Dortch:

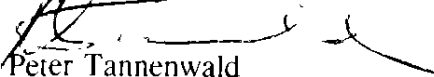
In the Report and Order in the above-captioned proceeding, concerning compatibility between wireless telephone handsets and hearing aids, the Commission requested that the Hearing Industries Association ("HIA") file a report on progress in providing information to users of hearing aids to assist them in achieving compatibility with wireless handsets. The Commission also required the handset industry to report on their compliance with the new rules adopted in the proceeding.

The handset industry's report is due to be filed on May 17, 2003. On behalf of HIA, this is to request that HIA be permitted to submit the information it has available on that same date.

HIA believes it is appropriate for both industries to report at the same time. In addition, HIA's annual meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2004. Wireless handset compatibility is a major issue to be discussed at the meeting. Allowing HIA to file on May 17 will provide time for the results of the annual meeting to be compiled and will also provide time for further discussions with the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") regarding how FDA will exercise its regulatory authority over any labeling that addresses handset compatibility.

If there are any questions about this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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